

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Listing of Claims**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original): Use of an extract of a brown alga of the genus *Halopteris* in a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition intended to limit the expansion of adipose tissues by its effect on pre-adipocyte differentiation.

2. (Currently amended): Use according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the said alga is the alga *Halopteris scoparia*.

3. (Currently amended): Use according to Claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the said extract is obtained by the maceration of dried or freeze-dried alga in the presence of a solvent, such as water, or a mixture of water with a co-solvent.

4. (Currently amended): Use according to Claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the said co-solvent is dipropylene glycol or glycerol.

5. (Currently amended): Use according to Claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ratio between water and co-solvent is between 0 and 80%.

6. (Currently amended): Use according to Claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ratio between water and co-solvent is between 30 and 50%.

7. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition intended to limit the expansion of adipose tissues, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises, as an active product, at least one extract of the brown alga of the genus *Halopteris* which acts so as to inhibit adipocyte differentiation.

8. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the said alga is the alga *Halopteris scoparia*.

9. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 7 [[or 8]], ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the said extract is obtained by the maceration of dried or freeze-dried alga in the presence of a solvent, such as water, or a mixture of water with a solvent.

10. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the said co-solvent is dipropylene glycol or glycerol.

11. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 9 [[or 10]], ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ratio between water and co-solvent is between 0 and 80%.

12. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 9 [[or 10]], ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ratio between water and co-solvent is between 30 and 50%.

13. (Currently amended): Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to ~~one of Claims 7 to 12~~ Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it also comprises an active stimulating lipolysis and/or an active agent inhibiting lipogenesis.

14. (Currently amended): Use of a cosmetic composition according to ~~one of the preceding Claims 7 to 13~~ Claim 7, for the purpose of limiting the expansion of adipose tissues by inhibiting pre-adipocyte differentiation.